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In re the Patent Appln. of)
TORKELSON, ET AL.) Art Unit: 1714
Serial No. 10/701,067) Examiner: Ronesi, Vickey M.
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Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING)
EXFOLIATED POLYMER-CLAY)
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POLYMER-CLAY)
NANO COMPOSITE PRODUCED)
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of three (3) months to respond to the non-final Office Action dated May 15, 2006. Our check, which includes the amount of \$510.00 for payment of the extension fee, is attached. Should any other charges be due, then please debit Account 50-0548 and notify the undersigned.

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